

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss Jennie Duncanson is visiting Mrs. E. G. Callis.

Mrs. R. W. Ware went to Clarksville Saturday afternoon.

Morris Cohen returned from the eastern markets Saturday.

Gid Gooch has accepted a position as salesman for Morris Cohen.

Herbert McPherson visited his father's family Saturday and Sunday.

Hon. H. B. Clark was called home Saturday by the death of his son-in-law.

Misses Edith Boulware and Belle Moore have returned from Clarksville.

Miss Mattie Cohen has returned from a two months visit to relatives in New York City.

Mrs. Cornelia Wallace and Mrs. A. W. Wislardi have returned from a visit to Indianapolis.

W. T. Keatts, of Lafayette, left for San Francisco, Cal., Friday, where he will engage in the grocery business with a relative.

Messrs. J. W. McGehee and T. A. McGehee, of Clarksville, R. S. McGehee, of Pembroke, and A. C. McGehee, of Newstead, the four surviving McGehee brothers, were all present at the funeral of the late John Q. McGehee Saturday.

The firm's stores at Clarksville, Longview, Pembroke, Newstead and Montgomery, six in all, were closed during the day. Nearly all of their employees were also present.

HERE AND THERE.

Look out for April fools to-day.

Vitalia Liver Pills cure headache.

Dr. Young has a supply of fresh vaccine points.

Pure-bred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale. Apply at this office.

New Easter Hats and Bonnets, the latest designs, at Mrs. Carrie Hart's.

R. M. Woodriddle, livery, feed & sale stable, Fritz' stand. Telephone 142.

A heavy snow fell at Evansville and other points further north Sunday night.

Dr. E. F. Beckley, the veterinary surgeon, has taken rooms with his family at the Southern Hotel.

The Chautauque lecture advertised for the 28th failed to come off, owing to the storm. It will be given later to-morrow night.

Call on Skeritt & Alcott before contracting for painting and papering. Residence and shop Clay St., near 2d.

The Latham Guards will drill to-night for the company medal to be worn during April. The public is invited.

Circuit Court adjourned Saturday and Judge Grace will have a week's rest before the Hopkins court begins next Monday.

We can not pay for big, flaming advertisements, our profits are too small. For good, honest goods at low prices, go to Bean Soap Co.

Purify your blood with Dr. P. T. Rogers' Ideal Alternative, sanctioned by physicians of Hopkinsville. For sale only by Rogers & Elgin.

C. W. Driver & Co. have sold out their stock of liquors and bar fixtures to William Driver, who will conduct the business in another portion of the city.

Mr. R. S. Hester, who has for some time been a brakeman on the local freight, had his left hand badly mashed at Nortonville Friday night while making a coupling.

The McGehee Brothers will not rebuild their store at Bellevue, which will leave the community without a postoffice, telephone office or storehouse nearer than Gracely, two miles to the west.

Judge Joe McCarroll is doing his part to keep up the Democratic population of the close First Ward.

Another young Democrat, the fourth of his kind, put in an appearance Sunday and will begin voting about 1911.

Rev. J. O. Rust's little daughter, Annie Westfall, about two years old, has been dangerously ill with membranous croup for three days and her condition yesterday was so critical that but little hope was entertained of her recovery.

Rev. R. P. Johnson, of Louisville, preached at the Baptist church Sunday as supply. The church has been without a pastor for nearly a year and no very active steps to secure one have been taken since Rev. Gray declined a call some months ago.

The burial of the late John Q. McGehee, which took place in the City Cemetery Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, was largely attended.

Brief services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Moscham. A delegation of clerks from the various stores of McGehee Bros. acted as pall-bearers.

Tri R. Hicks, in his astronomical chart, in McLean's Almanac, predicted the recent tornado in this section, and also predicts for this month stormy weather throughout. Rain, sleet, snow, wind and weather extremes will occur during two weeks of the month, so Prof. Hicks calculates.

Engineer Riley, of the Asylum, got into a quarrel with a negro named Lewis Youngblood, at the Asylum Thursday, and drew a pistol. The negro broke and ran to get behind Mr. Sansbach, the chief engineer, when Riley began shooting and fired at him three times in quick succession. None of the shots took effect.

WILD WINDS.

Three Men Burned to Death in a Fallen Building.

A Tornado That Swept From Caladonia to Trade Water.

LEAVING A TRAIL OF DESOLATION.

The most horrible holocaust that has ever occurred in this county, at least within the memory of the present generations, transpired at Bellevue Thursday night. The large storehouse of McGehee Bros. was blown down and four men caught in the ruins. One of them escaped by a miracle, and the other three were hurled to death. Those who lost their lives were John Q. McGehee, one of the five McGehee Bros., and manager of the store, aged 31 years; Chester Gray, col., aged about forty-five years; Marshal Blakeley, col., aged about twenty-five years.

The fourth man in the building was Robert F. Warren, an intelligent young fellow about eighteen or twenty years old, who clerked in the store. He worked his way for twenty feet under the debris until he reached the edge and put out his hand and called for help. A young lady named Sudio Meacham, a daughter of A. J. Meacham, the village blacksmith, was the only person who had presence of mind enough to aid him. After repeated efforts she raised up the corner of the fallen building and pulled Warren out. He was scratched and bleeding in many places but not seriously hurt. His clothing was torn and muddy and he was so dazed and exhausted that he wandered aimlessly about a moment or two and then sank down exhausted on the ground. He was taken to Esq. H. B. Clark's, nearby, and remained in bed for twenty-four hours before he was fully restored. Though still laboring under considerable excitement he was, nevertheless, able to tell the details of the affair when a KENTUCKIAN representative interviewed him Friday afternoon. This is his story:

THE SURVIVOR'S STORY.

Mr. McGehee had been sitting at the desk in the rear part of the store. I was behind the counter making some additions. The colored men were sitting near the store, but there was no fire in the store at the time and had been none since morning. It was then about 8 o'clock or a little before. The wind had been blowing furiously for some time, but suddenly there came a stronger gale and the building lurched and shook. Mr. McGehee had been discussing the storm with the others and had laughingly suggested that one of the colored men go out and tell the blacksmith to get in the lee-house. When the building shook Mr. McGehee got down from his seat at the desk remarking: "It came very near getting us this time." He started towards the door, probably sixty feet away. When about the center of the house there was another shaking motion and all of us broke for the front door. The door was shut and before it could be opened the contents of the drug side of the house, to the west, fell in with a loud crash and the building began to fall, with the noise of creaking, breaking timbers on all sides. The door was opened and Mr. McGehee sprang out on the narrow porch, followed by Gray, who also got out. Blakeley was behind them and did not get out. I was twenty feet from the front behind the east side counter. At the same instant the door was opened the building completely collapsed and fell to the north-east (it fronted north) the same way Mr. McGehee was escaping. It caught them all and the corner of the house fell forward ten feet beyond them. The weather-boarded sides of the building had given way and the walls were crushed down to the east. The second story settled down without the roof being broken and was held up about two feet from the first floor by the broken counters and other obstructions. There were ten oil lamps burning in the store at the time. When the crash came I lodged under the counter and soon found that I was not hurt. I began crawling towards the front and remember looking back and seeing the burning wick from one of the lamps on the floor in a spot of oil and broken glass. I made slow progress, there were so many obstructions. When I had gone about ten feet I found a crack where the wall had parted from the floor and left room for me to get on the ground. I made my way on my knees in the mud, but could find no place to get out. I passed to within a few feet of the other men. Blakeley was evidently crushed and in great agony. He moaned and groaned at a terrible rate and soon died. I think, as he stopped making noise. Gray was evidently unhurt and moving about. He called loudly for somebody to get an axe and chop him out. Mr. McGehee, who was near him, remarked coolly, "They might chop us in chopping us out." Previous to making this remark I had talked to him and told him I was loose and had hopes of getting out. A large beam was between us and I could not see him. He said in a wonderfully cool tone: "I am unhurt but fastened so that I cannot move. Am entirely helpless and am bound to burn up unless we get help from the outside. Save yourself if you can." He told me good bye and I left him crying. I finally reached the corner of the wreck and got my hand and arm out through a crack a few inches wide. Somebody

outside pulled my hand and then let go. The hot smoke was now right behind me. I begged for help and then it was the young lady, after several attempts, raised the timbers enough to pull me out at the last moment. It was but a moment more before the others were dead and I never heard Mr. McGehee speak after I got out.

THE SCENE ON THE OUTSIDE.

When the building fell there was no one nearer than 100 yards. Mr. McGehee's house was about 100 yards to the east and Hon. H. B. Clark's probably 300 yards to the west. Mrs. N. F. Cox lives across the field to the east, several hundred yards. At Mr. McGehee's was his wife and Miss Sudio Meacham. At the other houses were several young men. In the road near the store were two colored men named Lee Wood and Bob Coleman, who were the only parties who had an opportunity to give immediate help, but they were too badly frightened to do anything and made no attempt to rescue the victims. The first persons to reach the scene were Mrs. McGehee and Miss Meacham. While the latter was rescuing Warren the former, frantic with grief, was within a few feet of her imprisoned husband talking to him and wildly calling for help. She could not see him, but in answer to her cries he said: "Here I am, Mollie. I can do nothing. Save me if you can."

The fire was over then making its way between the two floors, as through a flue, and it is doubtful if ten men with sharp axes could have cut through in time. The window in the gable was barred with strong iron. The roof was of shingles and might have been penetrated but the second floor was a strong one built for heavy goods and a joist would have had to be cut or sawed before the ceiling underneath could be knocked off. It is hardly possible that they could have been saved in the short space of 15 minutes, during which they were alive. To have raised the house filled with heavy goods was out of the question. Several parties arrived by the time Warren was rescued, but then it was too late for work. The wreck was in flames and the victims were silent forever. No one but Warren knew their location and he was in no condition to point them out. The culmination had been reached and the drama was even then closing with a triple tragedy and a holocaust that made the stoniest hearted turn sick at the sight. A father was being literally roasted in the presence of his wife and little child—a little girl of seven years having followed her mother to the scene and her cries of anguish were mingled with those of her bereaved parent.

RESCUING THE BODIES.

The neighbors, attracted by the flames, began to arrive in half an hour, but could only watch and wait for the fire to die down. As soon as the bodies became visible an iron hook was placed on a long pole and one by one they were pulled out of the devouring flames. The first taken out was that of Mr. McGehee. Nothing remained but the charred trunk. When the body was moved the head, arms and legs fell away and crumbled into ashes. It was lying on the back and was identified by the scissors, watch and some silver money which the dead man had had in his pockets. The melancholy work of taking out the body was done by J. P. Meacham and Wm. Smith, two young men who were among the first to arrive. They extinguished the burning flesh by pouring water on it and had the body taken to the dead man's house.

The bodies of the colored men were still nearer consumed. They were both placed in one box and buried by their friends the following afternoon.

SKETCH OF JOHN Q. MCGEHEE.

In the year 1874 Jas. W. McGehee, a young Virginian, came to Christian county and began clerking at a moderate salary in a country store at Bellevue. He saved his money and soon became a partner in and finally sole owner of the business. Then he went back to Virginia and brought out a brother to help him. The business continued to grow and another brother came out and a branch store was established. Then another came and another and a few years ago the five brothers formed a partnership and opened a large house in Clarksville. Jas. W. and Thomas, the two older brothers, located in Clarksville. John Q. was at Montgomery, Ky., Sam at Bellevue, Albert at Newstead and still another store was in charge of a relative at Longview.

All of these stores were run under the same firm name and all were in a prosperous condition.

Some weeks ago the firm decided to open another store at Pembroke, Ky. To do this the Montgomery house was left in charge of clerks, and John moved to Bellevue and Sam moved to Pembroke. John had only been at Bellevue two weeks. He was located there so his wife would be near to her parents, Mrs. McGehee being a daughter of Hon. H. B. Clark.

John Q. McGehee was the third of the five brothers and was 31 years old. He was a handsome, vigorous young fellow, the picture of health and of a pleasant, genial disposition that made him popular with everybody. He had been married about nine years and leaves two children, a girl of seven and a boy two years younger. He had proven himself to be a very successful business man and was one of the most valuable members of the firm.

His body was interred in the cemetery of this city at 2 p. m. Saturday, services being held at the grave.

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CREAM OF NEWS.

Two Men Killed.

Freight train No. 57 ran into a tree top a mile from Selma Thursday night and Peter Barnes, the engineer, and William Powell, a brakeman, were both killed outright. The tree was blown down by the tornado and their lives may also be charged up to the terrible work of the elements.

The Revival.

The meetings at the Christian Church will continue through this week. The clerk of the church tells us that there have so far been 60 additions. Elder Lucas, he says, while receiving calls from several other places, will not bring the meetings here to a close as long as his labors are fruitful.

A Sudden Death.

Luke Naughton, or Neeton, a venerable Irish citizen living in the Fifth Ward, dropped dead Saturday morning, of heart disease, while walking about in his yard. Mr. Neeton was the father of Thomas Neeton, and was quite feeble in health and had been troubled with something like dropsy. He was between 75 and 80 years of age. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the residence.

They Were Not Artichokes.

Two small children of John Blythe, who lives on North Virginia street, were poisoned by eating pork roots Saturday. One was a boy aged seven and the other a girl of six. They went into the garden and dug up what they supposed was artichokes, of which they ate heartily. They soon became violently ill and when a physician arrived he found that they had eaten very poisonous pork roots. Dr. Blakey pronounced them out of danger yesterday.

Don't Feel Well.

And yet you are not sick enough to consult a doctor, or you refrain from so doing, for fear you will alarm yourself or friends—we will tell you just what you need. It is Hood's Sassa-parilla, which will lift you out of that uncertain, uncomfortable, dangerous condition, into a state of good health, confidence and cheerfulness. You've no idea how potent this peculiar medicine is in cases like yours.

Mr. O. S. Stevens, who lately returned from Florida, died Thursday afternoon, of an affection of the throat. He had been confined to his bed for several days, but was not considered dangerous until erysipelas set in. He was a son of Mr. R. P. Stevens and about 30 years of age. He leaves a wife and one or two children. The K. of P. Lodge, of which he was a member, conducted his interment Friday at 2 p. m.

LEMON ELIXIR.

Its Wonderful Effect on the Liver, Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys and Blood.

Dr. Mozley's Lemon Elixir is a pleasant lemon drink, that positively cures all Biliousness, Constipation, Indigestion, all sick and Nervous Headaches, Kidney Disease, Dizziness, Loss of appetite, Fevers, Chills, Palpitation of Heart, and all other diseases caused by disordered liver, stomach and kidneys, the first great cause of all fatal diseases. 50 cents and \$1 per bottle. Sold by druggists. Prepared only by Dr. H. Mozley, M. D., Atlanta, Ga.

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For sore throat and Bronchitis, take Lemon Hot Drops.

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For hemorrhage and all throat and lung diseases, take Lemon Hot Drops. 25 cents, at druggists. Prepared only by Dr. H. Mozley, Atlanta, Ga.

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NOTICE—There is a fraudulent Lemon Elixir on the market—a whisky substitute, a Blind Tiger drink. See that you get Dr. H. Mozley's Lemon Elixir, an honest, reliable medicine.

Neuragic Persons.

And those troubled with nervousness, trembling, and overwork will be relieved by taking Brown's Iron Bitters. Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

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The ladies are all invited around to Mrs. Carrie Hart's to see the new patterns in Hats and Bonnets.

Fresh Paints, Oils, Varnishes and a complete and large stock of all kinds of brushes at Wylly & Burnett's.

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JOE MCCARROLL, ADMR.

HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOHN DOWNEY.

Persons holding claims against the estate of John Downey, deceased, are required to present the same, properly proven, before the plaintiff on or before the 1st day of September next.

JOE MCCARROLL, ADMR.

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I was much gratified by the large attendance at my Spring Opening of

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Buggy and Wagon Harness, Saddles and Bridles, Engines, Threshers and Stackers.

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1 Pair Ladies' Fine Shoes	3.50	50 Yards Brussels Carpet	40.00
50 Yards Masonville Domestic	3.00	1/2 Doz. Gent's Handkerchiefs	3.50
1 Pair Ladies' Kid Gloves	1.75	1 Pair Lace Curtains	4.00
1 Gold-headed Silk Umbrella	6.00	1 Table Cloth	3.00
1 Doz. Ladies' Handkerchiefs	3.00	1 Cashmere Shawl	3.00
1 Silk Dress Pattern	35.00	1 Rocking Chair	15.00
1 Doz. Ladies' Hats	3.00	1 Table Cover	3.00
1 Pair Fine Table Linens	3.00	1 Copy Hopkinsville Kentuckian, 1 yr.	3.00
1 Marcellite Quilt	2.50	1 Towel Rack	2.50
1 Night Clock	4.00	1 Lace Bed Set	4.00
1 Pair Gent's Kid Gloves	1.50	1 Black Broadcloth Dress Pattern	15.00
1 Doz. Towels	3.50	1 Large Smyrna Rug	15.00
1 Smyrna Rug	3.50	1 Pair Gent's Havan Shoes	3.50
1 Chair Tidy	3.00	1 White Sewing Machine	50.00
1 Doz. Napkins	2.00	1 Crying Doll	2.00

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